the tanks do not get filled. Under these difficult circumstances, lands under any one channel from the Krishnaraja-Sagara may be reserved for the holders of wet lands under tanks in the *maidan* taluks.

Dewan.—The reasons are not clear. It will not be possible to consider this request till after the construction of high level channels.

SUBJECT No. 86.

A channel from Marikanave Reservoir.

Mr. Hutchaveere Gowda, Gubbi Taluk.

Mr. Hutchaveere Gowda.—It is a well-known fact that, owing to scanty rainfall year after year, there has been scarcity of water for irrigation and fodder in this part of the country. The Marikanave Reservoir is said to contain more water than is necessary for cultivation purposes. If a channel is excavated from Marikanave Reservoir and water led to the Sira tank, many of the tanks in this taluk would be fed by it and appreciable revenue would accrue to Government. The project may be investigated and sanctioned, if found feasible.

Dewan.—The Chief Engineer states that the levels do not permit the excavation of such a channel and that the proposal is not feasible. It has therefore to be dropped.

TECHNICAL.

(ELECTRICAL.)

(*No. 87.*)

SUBJECT No. 87.

Electrical charges.

Messrs. B. V. Krishnaiengar, S. K. Narasimhaiya, R. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality, and J. R. Isaac, Indian Christian Association, Bangalore.

Mr. S. K. Narasimhaiya.—The charges of electric current both for lighting and power, have been recently increased to a very considerable extent, causing a great hardship to the public. We waited on the Dewan Sahib to represent this hardship but were directed to go to the Second Member of Council. He promised us sympathetic consideration but nothing has been done in the matter. We request that suitable reduction may be made in either case.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer.—In regard to the same subject, a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce waited on the Dewan and it was directed to go to the Member in Charge of the Electrical portfolio and sympathetic consideration was promised to us. When a reminder was sent by the Chamber, we were informed that there was a change of portfolios and the Member in charge would consider and reply.

In other provinces of India, water power is the cheapest means of generating electricity and it is natural that, in Mysore, this should be so too. I have prepared a list of the minimum and maximum charges for power consumption in Bombay, Madras, Lahore, Calcutta, etc. If permitted, I shall send it up to Government.